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GOVERNOR REMINDS VOTERS TO MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD
Important to Understand Polling Place Rights

PHOENIX – In anticipation of a record turnout on Election Day in Arizona, Governor Janet Napolitano is reminding voters of their rights and responsibilities as they cast their ballots tomorrow in the 2008 General Election.

“Probably the single most important thing for voters to know is that if you are in line at poll closing time – 7:00 p.m. – you must be allowed to cast a ballot,” said Governor Napolitano. “We have good laws and election policies in place to protect Arizona voters. It’s important to know what your rights are, and how to exercise them.”

The following is a summary of important election-day information:

- If you received an early mail-in ballot, but did not mail it in time, you may drop off your ballot **at any polling site in your county**, not just the one for your precinct. You also don’t need to stand in line with the on-site voters – there is a separate place inside the polling site to drop off completed early ballots.
- Lines will be longest before work, at lunchtime and after work. If you can, vote at the polls during mid-morning or mid-afternoon, when the lines are likely to be shortest.
- The ballot is long. Remember that you can take your completed sample ballot with you, to help you complete your official ballot as quickly as possible, and keep the line moving.
- **You are not required to wait for an open voting booth.** If you have your ballot, you may ask for a marking pen and begin filling out your ballot. You may vote in any area within the polling site; again, you do not have to use the voting booth. Some sites will provide pews, clip boards, extra tables or benches. Just remember that you must turn in your ballot before you leave the polling site.
- If you know you need a provisional ballot (for example, if you received an early ballot but lost it), explain the situation to a poll worker and ask for direction.

- Remember to bring proper identification with you.
- You may present one ID if it is an Arizona Driver License **that shows your current voter address.**
- If your photo ID does not have your current voter address, you must show **two pieces of identification.** The non-photo documentation must show a current address. You can use any of the following: a utility bill from the past 90 days; a bank statement from the past 90 days; a valid Arizona vehicle registration; an Indian census card or tribal enrollment card; a property tax statement; a vehicle insurance card; government-issued identification; a voter registration card; or any “official election material” mailing that bears the voter’s name and address.

If you encounter a problem at a polling location, you should contact the County Recorder’s Office for your County.

For more information about elections in Arizona, visit the Secretary of State’s Web site at www.azsos.gov.

For more information about the Office of the Governor, please visit www.azgovernor.gov.